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Applicant : Gijsbertus Jacob Verkerke, et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office action mailed October 22, 2003. The three month statutory period for responding to the Office action mailed October 22, 2003 expired on January 22, 2004. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions for a three month extension of time, up to and including April 22, 2004, to respond to this Office action. Our check in the amount of \$733 is enclosed to cover the \$475 three month extension of time fee and the \$258 fee for 6 independent claims in excess of 3.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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